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Westly Statement on Minimum Wage

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SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly made the following statement on the minimum wage:

"California's workers not only need a higher minimum wage, they need indexing to ensure the wage doesn't reduce in value with every passing year.

"Businesses benefit too, because indexed increases are better than sudden spikes in the minimum wage.

"I urge the Industrial Welfare Commission to approve a minimum wage plan that includes an increase and indexing.

"If the Commission fails, the Governor and Legislature must take action to create a higher, indexed minimum wage.

"It's the right thing to do for California's workers and economy."

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